Development/promotion of agricultural education

† 2854. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan to develop and promote agricultural education in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up any agriculture university in the country, especially in rural areas of Bihar; and

(c) if so, by when the same is likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Agricultural Education is a State subject. Hence, managing, development and promotion of education is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government. However, ICAR, through the following plan schemes, provide support for promotion and development of Agricultural Education to the State Agricultural Universities:

(i) Development and Strengthening of State Agricultural University for infrastructure development, curricular delivery, curricular revision and updating, modernization of lecture theatre and laboratories and library strengthening, etc.

(ii) Human Resource Development and Professional Competence Improvement through establishment of Centres of Advanced Studies, National Professors, National Fellows, Emeritus Scientist Scheme, Best Teacher Award, Book Writing Scheme, etc.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

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